GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ELEPHANTS DYING DUE TO ACCIDENTS WITH SPEEDING TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether elephants have died due to accidents with speeding trains in the forest reserves;

(b) if so, the number of elephants losing their lives due to these speeding trains;

(c) whether any instructions have been issued by the Railways to the train drivers to slow down the speed while passing through the elephant territory; and

(d) if so, action taken against drivers who do not slow down their speed through the reserves?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. R.VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir. Elephants have died due to sudden crossing of railway track, not due to speeding of trains.

(b): 19 numbers of elephants have lost their lives during the last 5 years due to sudden crossings of railway track, it is not due to speeding of trains.

(c): Yes, Sir. Instructions have been issued time to time for restricting the speed of trains in the forest areas. Warning Boards have also been fixed to guide the train drivers.

(d): Train drivers are following the instructions.